

## AMENDMENTS

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 15, as follows:

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Thus, in one embodiment the present invention is a method for treating wounds comprising the steps of preparing the wound surface, applying a bandage to the wound, the bandage having an SIS layer secured over the wound and a cover above the wound and the SIS layer to define a vacuum space between the cover and SIS layer, and applying suction to the vacuum space to draw blood from the wound into the SIS layer.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, 16, 27, and 35 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A wound care bandage comprising:
  - (a) a collagen matrix for placement on and integration into a wound,
  - (b) a cover configured for placement over the wound to provide a sealed environment around the wound and adapted for communication with a vacuum source, and
  - (c) a structure for placement between the collagen matrix and the cover and configured to provide a vacuum space.

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16. (Amended) The bandage of claim 15, wherein the semi-rigid wall includes a lower member adapted to lie adjacent a patient's skin surrounding the wound, an upper member configured to remain in a spaced-apart relationship from the collagen matrix, and a middle member integrally coupled to the upper and lower members, the middle member provided to support the upper member in the spaced-apart relationship with the collagen matrix.

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27. (Amended) A method for promoting wound healing comprising the steps of:
  - (a) applying a first collagen matrix to a wound surface,
  - (b) creating a vacuum space in communication with the wound and the first collagen matrix, and

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*cor* (c) generating a vacuum within the vacuum space in a magnitude and duration sufficient to draw blood from the wound into the first collagen matrix and to begin integration of the first collagen matrix into the wound surface.

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*B5* 35. (Amended) The method of claim 27, further comprising the step of placing a second collagen matrix over the location of the first collagen matrix.

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